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Dear Sir:

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It should be noted the word "prior" has been deleted from the attached PTO-1449. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b) or that the documents are analogous art. The Examiner is asked to consider these documents, and to confirm such consideration by returning an initialed and signed copy of the PTO-1449. Also attached is a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Insofar as the attached documents have markings thereon, no significance is intended by such markings. One of the listed documents is an Abstract of Japanese patent application 05230112. Applicants do not have in their possession or control a copy or translation of Japanese patent application 05230112.

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the present application. None of the listed documents discloses the use of a sharply-melting crystalline polymer as defined by the claims of the present application.

This Disclosure Statement is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(c) which require payment of the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). A check for \$180.00 is attached. Please charge any other necessary fee for consideration of the Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 (Sheldon & Mak).

It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and the MPEP. If the some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

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